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SLIM PICKINGS THIS MORNING, WITH SURPRISE MEETING WITH MAO
WAS MOST INTERESTING ITEM.

1. WIRES

AP - FREED SAYS HAK HAD SURPRISE MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN MAO
AT LATTER'S HOUSE FOR ONE HOUR 40 MINUTES, AFTER ONE HOUR
MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TENG. MRS. KISSINGER AND SEVEN
AIDES WERE INTRODUCED, ONLY BUSH AND LORD REMAINED FOR
MEETING. SPOKESMAN SAID "SECRETARY FOUND MEETING VERY
USEFUL." NCNA, MONITORED IN TOKYO, SAID CONVERSATION WAS
"IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE...ON A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS...
CHAIRMAN MAO ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO CONVEY HIS REGARDS TO
PRESIDENT FORD". AIDES SAID HAK HAD NO ADVANCE WORD OF MAO
MEETING, WHICH CAUSED CANCELLATION OF PLANS TO ATTEND BUSH
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RECEPTION AND PRIVATE DINNER. THERE WAS NO INDICATION

WHETHER HAK WOULD SEE AILING PREMIER CHOU. MOST OF DAY
SPENT IN SIGHTSEEING EXCURSION TO FRAGRANT HILLS.

UPI - GROWALD REPORTS UNEXPECTED MEETING WITH MAO, SO SUDDEN
THAT HAK HAD TO LEAVE HIS RECEPTION. "THE MAO MEETING IN-
DICATED THAT DESPITE CHINESE OPPOSITION TO U.S. DETENTE
POLICIES WITH RUSSIA, PEKING STILL HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM THE
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. THERE HAD BEEN CONCERN A COM-
BINATION OF ANTI-DETENTE FEELING PLUS A QUESTION OF THE
ABILITY OF WASHINGTON TO INFLUENCE WORLD AFFAIRS -- BECAUSE
OF TROUBLES BETWEEN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS --
HAD CAUSED A DIP IN AMERICAN PRESTIGE IN CHINA.

"KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH MAO ALSO INDICATED THAT FORD, WHEN
HE ARRIVES IN CHINA SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING, WILL ALSO
SEE THE CHAIRMAN."

"JOKE-FILLED, HUFFING-AND-PUFFING" MARCH UP FRAGRANT HILLS
PRECEDED EVENING MEETINGS.

2. NEWSPAPERS

NYTIMES - NOTHING FROM GELB (THEY USE A SHORT REUTERS REPORT
ON YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS.)

WASHINGTON POST - FOUR-COLUMN PHOTO OF HAK AND TENG IN TALKS
ON FRONT PAGE, WITH GREENWAY STORY ON PAGE 15: THE FIRST
DAY OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS INCLUDED "FRANK AND CORDIAL REVIEW
OF THEINTERNATIONAL SITUATION." TENG CITED ON "QUITE A
FEW CHANGES" IN LAST ELEVEN MONTHS, ALSO ON "QUARREL".
"TENG'S REMARKS WERE CLEARLY MADE FOR BENEFIT OF AMERICAN
PRESS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER...PROBABLY REFERRING TO TOASTS
AT SUNDAY NIGHT'S BANQUET... THERE IS NO INDICATION HERE,
HOWEVER, THAT THAT EXCHANGE HAS SOURED THE TALKS. BOTH
THE CHINESE AND THE AMERICANS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY
PRIVATELY TO STRESS THAT, WHATEVER THEIR DIFFERENCES, BOTH
SIDES SEE IT IN THEIR INTERESTS TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE
CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP."

"THE AMERICANS HAVE ALSO STRESSED THAT AN ANNUAL VISIT BY
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SECSTATE SERVES A USEFUL FUNCTION. THE SENIOR AMERICAN
OFFICIAL...SAID THAT IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN KISSINGER'S
VISITS, THERE IS VERY LITTLE CONTACT OF A CONCEPTIONAL
(SIC) NATURE CARRIED ON BY EITHER COUNTRY'S DIPLOMATS."
PHOTO OF MALIAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE WITH MAO RAISES QUESTION
OF POSSIBLE HAK MEETING; "SOME DIPLOMATS DOUBT THAT HE
WOULD BE GRANTED AN AUDIENCE SO CLOSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S
VISIT. THEY SAY THAT THE CHINESE MIGHT WANT TO SAVE THAT

CEREMONY FOR PRESIDENT FORD." DOUBTS ALSO ABOUT MEETING WITH CHOU: "LAST YEAR IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOME POWER HAD PASSED, AND THAT...TENG WAS CLEARLY IN DAY-TO-DAY CHARGE OF GOVT. KISSINGER'S LAST MEETING WITH CHOU HERE APPEARED TO BE MORE CEREMONIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE."

WALL STREET JOURNAL - NOTHING FROM KEATLEY; CHITRIB AND LATIMES NOT IN.

3. NETWORKS - NO REPORTS FROM EITHER NBC/OLIVER OR ABC/KOPPEL.

CBS - BKALB HAD TWO REPORTS ON RADIO: "IN A SURPRISE DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS INVITED TO MEET CHAIRMAN MAO. THE INVITATION CAME AS AN EXPRESSION BY THE 81-YEAR OLD CHINESE LEADER OF HIS DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN SINO AMERICAN RELATIONS.

"THE MEETING BEGAN AT 6:30 PEKING TIME, HAK PROCEEDING TO CHAIRMAN MAO'S RESIDENCE IN FORBIDDEN CITY AREA AFTER A ONE-OUR MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND CHINESE OFFICIALS AT GREAT HALL OF PEOPLE.

"HAK, IN HIS MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN MAO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SEVEN OF HIS AIDES AND MRS. KISSINGER. THEY WERE ALL INTRODUCED TO THE CHAIRMAN. TWO OF SECRETARY AIDES REMAINED BEHIND TO JOIN HAK IN HIS TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO.

"THE SECRETARY'S MISSION TO PEKING INCLUDES FIXING A DATE FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO CHINA WHICH IS EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING."

CBS MORNING NEWS: "LOOKING OUT OF A HOTEL WINDOW IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CHINESE CAPITAL OFFERS A RECTANGLE OF LIFE IN PEKING. STREETS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE -- MEN AND WOMEN IN THEIR UNISEX BLUE OR GREY TUNIC AND TROUSERS. OCCASIONALLY SIGHT OF A MOVING LINE OF COLORS -- COLORS IN THREE SHADES: REDS, GREENS, WHITES. UP CLOSE IT TURNS OUT TO BE A KINDERGARTEN CLASS. THOUSANDS OF BICYCLES ON BROAD BOULEVARD, A KIND OF TESTIMONIAL TO ENERGY SAVING. VERY, VERY FEW AUTOMOBILES. SOUND OF A FEW VOICES FILTERING UP. CURVED ROOF ARCHITECTURE HUGGING GROUND IN THIS MOSTLY ONE OR TWO-STORY TOWN. VERY FEW SKYSCRAPERS COMPARED TO, EVEN SAY, SINGAPORE OR BANKOK. BUT STILL A FEW MULTI-STORY BLDGS. ON HORIZON. OTHER PUSHING INTO SKY. PEKING STILL ON A BLDG. SPREE, EVEN THOUGH A VISITOR OCCASIONALLY HAS FEELING THAT PEKING IS A CONGLOMERATION OF VILLAGES SIZE OF THE CAPITAL.

"RECOLLECTIONS COME TO MIND OF TOURIST BOOKS WRITTEN ONLY A HALF CENTURY AGO ABOUT PEKING. OF CAMELS STROLLING THROUGH THESE STREETS.

THE MOST IMPORTANT AMERICAN TOURIST IN TOWN THESE DAYS IS SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE'S HERE NOW ON HIS EIGHTH TRIP SINCE THAT CELEBRATED SECRET JOURNEY IN 1971. BUT NOW HE'S EMINENTLY VISIBLE NEGOTIATING WITH CHINA'S LEADERS ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S FORTHCOMING TRIP HERE EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING. BUT THEY ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO TALK A BROAD RANGE OF ITEMS INCLUDING TAIWAN, TENSIONS ON KOREAN PENINSULA, U. S. POLICY IN ASIA, SOVIET POLICY. BUT THROUGH IT ALL THERE IS CENTRAL QUESTION OF HOW BOTH SIDES NOW PERCEIVE EACH OTHER.

"TO U.S., CHINA IS PREOCCUPIED WITH ITS ANXIETIES ABOUT SOVIET UNION. TO CHINA, A BASIC QUESTION IS WHETHER AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING A WORLD BALANCE OF POWER HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTED BY THE U.S.' HUMILIATING SCRAMBLE OUT OF VIETNAM, WHEN CONGRESS' DETERMINATION TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IS SHAPING FOREIGN POLICY.

"CONSTANCY IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HAK CAN SELL TO CHINESE. SELL THEM THAT THE U.S. IS NOT A PAPER TIGER, FOR EXAMPLE; THAT IT MEANS TO STICK BY ITS COMMITMENTS. ALL CHINESE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE TO DO TO GET ANSWER IS TO STUDY WASHINGTON'S INTERNATIONAL POSTURE. LOOK AT FACTS AROUND THE WORLD AND REACH THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

"BASIC QUESTION SO FAR AS THEY'RE CONCERNED IS WHETHER U.S. HAS WILL AND DETERMINATION TO STAND UP AGAINST RUSSIANS, SINCE CHINESE SEE THEMSELVES AS BEING BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH AN AMERICAN STANCE. ONLY MAJOR ALTERNATIVE THAT CHINESE HAVE IS SOME SORT OF RECONCILIATION WITH RUSSIANS. AND THOUGH THERE ARE SOME WESTERN ANALYSTS WHO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS SUCH A MINORITY ELEMENT IN CHINESE HIERARCHY, IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE IN CARDS, CERTAINLY NOT AS LONG AS CHAIRMAN MAO IS ON THE SCENE.

"THIS COMPLICATED QUESTION WITH ALL ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR WORLD COULD, OF COURSE, COME UP WHEN THERE'S A COMPLETE GENERATIONAL CHANGE IN CHINESE LEADERSHIP. BUT RIGHT NOW MEN RUNNING CHINA RUN IT ESSENTIALLY FROM MAO'S POINT OF VIEW, WHICH MEANS A CONNECTION WITH U.S. AS A COUNTER WEIGHT AGAINST MOSCOW.

MOST OF TIME, AS HISTORY TELLS US, IT IS NOT PERSONALITIES

BUT NATIONAL INTERESTS THAT DETERMINE POLICY. AND GIVEN
BOTH WASHINGTON'S AND PEKING'S WARINESS OF SOVIET POWER
AND SOVIET INFLUENCE, HAK BELIEVES THAT CHINESE-AMERICAN
CONNECTION IS A FACT OF FUTURE." INGERSOLL

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